

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>March 10, 2021</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>2021-66-A</u>
UTILITIES MATTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORDER NO.	<u>2021-163</u>

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

Order Establishing Docket and Guidelines for Comments by Utilities and Other Interested Stakeholders Regarding Mitigation of Impact of Threats to Safe and Reliable Utility Service

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2021-66-A - South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff's Motion to Solicit Comments from Utilities and Other Interested Stakeholders Regarding Measures to Be Taken to Mitigate Impact of Threats to Safe and Reliable Utility Service - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration the Office of Regulatory Staff's Motion to Solicit Comments from Utilities and Other Interested Stakeholders Regarding Measures to Be Taken to Mitigate Impact of Threats to Safe and Reliable Utility Service.

COMMISSION ACTION:

I move that the Commission instruct the Clerk's Office to open a docket and require the Commission's jurisdictional electric and natural gas utilities to provide information regarding measures that have been, or will be taken, to: 1) mitigate the negative impacts of ice storms and other dangerous weather conditions to the provision of safe and reliable utility service, and 2) ensure peak customer demands on the utility system can be met during extreme weather scenarios. I also move that this Commission encourage the participation in this Docket of the South Carolina Public Service Authority known as "Santee Cooper," the electric cooperatives, and other non-regulated electric and gas utilities in South Carolina. I do note that there is a pending Petition to Intervene from the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) that will be addressed later.

I further move that the Commission require electric and natural gas utility providers under the jurisdiction of the Commission and other electric and gas non-regulated utilities that participate in this docket to provide, at a minimum, the following information and assessments:

- Identification of Threats to Utility Service. Assessment of the potential threats to the utility system and evaluation of the risks to safe and reliable utility service. Threats are anything that may destroy, damage, or disrupt utility service.
- Next, Identification of the Impacts to Utility Service. Assessment of the extent to which the threat could impact the utility processes, systems, infrastructure, and end-user customers.
- Next, Assessment of Vulnerabilities. To what degree will the utility systems and infrastructure be impacted. Vulnerabilities are weaknesses within utility systems, processes or infrastructure.
- Next, Assessment of Risks to Utility Service. This includes an evaluation of the potential for

loss, damage or destruction of key assets and resources, and factors that could limit the supply of generation over an extended period of extreme weather conditions for each of the state's generation sources.

- Next, Identification of Resiliency Solutions. The plans of the utility to anticipate, prepare for, adapt to, withstand, respond to, and recover quickly from service disruptions. Cost impacts to the utility and customers should be identified. Specifically, the impacts to customer bills due to increases in fuel and other costs should be identified.
- Next, Identification of Other Federal and State Reliability Requirements. Other federal, state and/or local reliability and resilience requirements including, but not limited to, joint reliability plans or assessments, coordinating agreements, and wholesale purchase agreements.
- An Assessment of Current Utility Processes and Systems to Withstand Potential Ice Storms and other Winter Weather Conditions. This includes identification and exercises of utility plans, processes, and infrastructure to determine if current utility preparedness plans to ensure utility service meet peak customer demand under extreme scenarios. Identify areas for improvement and steps taken to address the areas of improvement.
- Next, Identification of Best Practices, Lessons Learned and Challenges to Utility Service. This includes information related to reliability, lessons learned from similar experiences, and challenges of the provision of safe and reliable utility service under extreme weather conditions and other threats.

In addition, I move that the following dates be set for the provision of the above described information, so as to allow this matter to proceed in a timely manner, while also allowing the participating stakeholders sufficient time to provide their comments and input. The schedule will be as follows:

ORS Provides Notice of this Proceeding to South Carolina Regulated and Non-regulated Electric and Natural Gas Utilities: March 12, 2021

ORS Posts Notice of this Proceeding on its Website: March 12, 2021

Interested Parties Submit Initial Comments: June 11, 2021

Interested Parties Submit Responsive Comments: June 25, 2021

Mr. Chairman, I so move. For clarification, Mr. Chairman, "interested parties" means and refers to all regulated jurisdictional utilities of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) and any entities not regulated by the Commission that are participating in this proceeding and docket.

PRESIDING: J. Williams

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
BELSER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
CASTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voting via Webex
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voting via Webex
POWERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
THOMAS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voting via Webex

C. WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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